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ST. JOHNS COUNTY MAN ARRESTED ON FEDERAL CHARGE OF POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Jacksonville, FL - Acting U.S. Attorney James R. Klindt, Michael J. Folmar, Special Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Bill McCollum, Florida Attorney General, announce the arrest of Darrell Mark Krause and the filing of a federal criminal complaint charging him with possession of materials containing visual depictions of child pornography. Krause, age 41, of St. Johns County, was arrested at his residence in a suburb of Jacksonville on Saturday, May 19. The complaint charges that on March 7, 2007, Krause knowingly possessed matters which contained visual depictions produced using materials that had been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, the production of which visual depictions involved the use of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. If convicted, Krause faces a maximum penalty of up to 10 years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and a term of supervised release of not less than five years and up to life.

The case was investigated by the Child Predator CyberCrime Unit of the State of Florida Attorney General's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorneys Ronald T. Henry and D. Rodney Brown are handling the prosecution of this case.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative designed to

protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information on Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The Florida Attorney General's Child Predator CyberCrime Unit is a member of the North Florida Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, a federally funded program working nationwide to educate and support law enforcement to stop these crimes, and the FBI Cyber Taskforce in Jacksonville.

A complaint is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of federal criminal law, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.